

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, just a slight explanation of why the information that Senator Dworak referred to as to what the total effect of this amendment would be is because it is very difficult, and I think Senator Lewis' estimate is about as good as any information we are going to be able to get because the census figures for some of these districts are not available. They just haven't been taking the census on a district basis in these cases where the whole county was thrown out of the formulas. So in order to get that information, it is rather difficult and I think that his estimate would be as good as any other information that we could get.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to make this short. I think one thing that no one else has mentioned is the fact that school districts do not follow county lines, at least not very often out in sparsely populated areas so it was not fair to have this set up on a county basis in the first place. So I think this amendment is an excellent one and out our way the school districts pay very little attention to county lines. So the district approach is much better than the county approach. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Chairman, it would seem to me, realizing how dense I, myself, am on this issue and how complex it is, the sections we amend, some we don't, some we do, some we repeal, some we skip, it would seem logical, which may be against the idea, that either Senator Koch or his shadow, Senator Lewis, would go through this bill, initially, give it a once over, point out what the specific sections relate to before we start getting into amendments because we are going to take this piecemeal from the back side and I think there is a good chance nobody will ever understand it. But I, personally, would appreciate an intelligent run through of what the bill says and then let's go from there in making our decisions.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter. We are then ready, Senator Frank Lewis, for a closing on the committee amendments and you may respond to Senator Murphy's suggestion, perhaps.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I think that that is important and I think Senator Murphy has asked what we fully intend to do. Senator Koch, when he explains the bill, once we adopt this particular amendment will be able to get into it and, Senator Koch, I would suggest that maybe you give a cursory look at what our current bill is and the changes involved here. The committee would be more than happy to provide you with a summary of the workings and the mechanical workings of state aid. As I said, I was amazed that we have spent substantive time on this particular amendment. The amendment is geared to help some schools, and I might point out, Bellevue is not one of them. We don't have a sparsity factor to say the least but it is an attempt to bring about a compromise situation and to correct a situation I think Senator Lamb said extremely well that the method of calculation when it was devised is not a good method on a county basis. It